GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENTS IN FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that most of the legislations regarding food safety/security are outdated and need to be suitably updated to meet the present and perspective requirements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps initiated/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b): Food safety requirements are stipulated in the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act 1954 and the rules framed thereunder. These are reviewed from time to time. Amendment of the statuts is an on-going process, which is resorted to for making the provisions of the law more effective in providing pure and wholesome food to the consumers.
(c) A Departmental group of officers has been appointed to examine the need for making amendments in the PFA Act, 1954 keeping in view the recommendations received from various sources such as the Task Force on Food laws headed by Justice E.S. Venkataramiah, Retd. Chief Justice of India, the Commission to review administrative laws, etc.
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